

**Observer Report
Administration and Public Works
April 8, 2008**

Observer: Judith Rosenthal

Administration & Public Works Meeting Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Present: Aldermen Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Holmes, Rainey, Hansen

Staff present: Judy Aiello, Finance staff, Sanitation staff, Assistant Police Chief, Fire Chief, others unknown to me.

Media: Roundtable, Evanston Review

Citizens: ?

Meeting began: 5:40 **Meeting ended:** 6:40

Agenda items mostly approved by consent

Discussion: Ald. Rainey had questions for the Assistant Police Chief regarding the extreme length of time it was taking to get the Firing Range up and running. He explained that the bidding process and the necessity of installing an entire new ventilating system to be designed by an engineering firm, not yet hired, was taking more time than expected. The City had also delayed in sending out bids until they hired a new Police Chief. Meanwhile firing practices were being held in Glenview and Wilmette, which Rainey pointed out was taking police away from their City assignments. She was very unhappy about these delays and requested further updates from the Police Department.

There was a report from the Sanitation Department on the Solid Waste Franchise proposal. A survey had been sent out to all commercial businesses describing the potential savings in their waste disposal costs by grouping businesses together and having vendors bid on contracts for removal and recycling. Most businesses would experience large savings (for example District 65). Since the response to the survey was only 17% the Committee recommended a public hearing on the issue as soon as possible. It was noted that Skokie has operated such a franchise since 1992.

Discussion on the use of the Recycling Center was postponed until the next meeting April 28th.